

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with corrected paragraph [0001] below:

[0001] This inventionapplication is a division of and claims priority [[to]]of the earlier-filed application having serial number 10/045,123 filed on 11/09/2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,658,833. This application also relates to continuation-in-part application 10/846,029, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,904742 B2, and to divisional application 11/145,289 filed 6/3/2005. This invention relatesapplies to an apparatus for collection and reduction of yard debris in thick layers and deep piles.

Please replace paragraph [0139] with corrected paragraph [0139] below:

[0139] In the possibility that the carryover was simply a momentum effect, the collector rotor speed was reduced in half – from 276 to 138 rpm (with a rotor peripheral velocity of [[433]]542 feet per minute, or [[4.9]]6.16 miles per hour). The carryover of nuts, shells, and other dense debris almost completely stopped. The raker blades with positive rake angle were re-installed, and the carryover was still absent, while virtually complete removal of leaves and other debris from the lawn was achieved.